



CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL"

Express Mail Label No. E1 868344482 US

Date of Deposit: February 3, 2003

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

Tamara Alcaraz
Tamara Alcaraz

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Jerry PELLETIER

Serial No.: 09/954,512

Filing Date: September 12, 2001

For: METHOD FOR INCREASING THE
PROCESSIVITY OF DNA- OR RNA-
DEPENDENT POLYMERASE AND
COMPOSITIONS THEREFOR

Examiner: S. Hashemi

Group Art Unit: 1637

RECEIVED
FEB 14 2003
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2002, (paper No. 9) for which a response was due on November 1, 2002 and for which a three (3) month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from November 1, 2002 to February 3, 2003 (February 1, 2003 was a Saturday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed.